RESOLUTION NO. 17924

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT REGARDING THE USE OF REVENUES TO BE DERIVED FROM THE PROPOSED ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO BE DIVIDED EVENLY BETWEEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND GENERAL EXPENSES; AND OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas ("City") is contemplating the levy of a one-half percent (0.50%) sales and use tax to be divided evenly between capital improvements and general expenses and submitting the same to the electors for approval; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is important to clarify the need for additional revenues along with the City's intended use of the revenues; and

WHEREAS, the cost of maintaining, and reasonably enhancing, City services has risen to a level that current funding is insufficient, for example:

- The Police Department has several vacancies that need to be filled and equipment that needs to be improved;
- Many police and fire vehicles require replacement;
- The communication systems of the City require improvement; and
- The City must expand fire coverage to newly annexed areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council of North Little Rock, Arkansas intends to use revenues derived from the proposed one-half percent (0.50%) sales and use tax to be divided evenly between capital improvements and general expenses *for the purpose* of maintaining, and reasonably enhancing, City services. The City intends to accomplish this intent by using funds received from the proposed sales and use tax for expenses that include, without limitation:

- a) Filling ten vacant police officer positions;
- b) Constructing, equipping, and staffing a new fire station with thirteen firemen;
- c) Upgrading communication equipment for police, fire, and emergency services to mandated levels;

- d) Acquiring two new pumper trucks and replacing other aging fire department vehicles; and
- e) Implementing a program to replace police department vehicles with over 100,000 miles.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:	APPROVED:
9-16-11	Mayor Patrick H. Hays
SPONSOR:	ATTEST:
Mayor Patrick H. Hays / 4-90	Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY